

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Application of:	Lin et al.	Examiner:	Blessing M. Fubara
Serial No.:	10/645,744		
Filed:	August 20, 2003	Group Art Unit:	1618
Entitled:	COMPOSITION FOR THE CARRYING AND DELIVERY OF BONE GROWTH INDUCING MATERIAL AND METHODS FOR PRODUCING AND APPLYING TH COMPOSITION	Conf. No.:	9151

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**AMENDMENT IN CONNECTION WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is filed concurrently with a Request For Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 in connection with the above-identified patent application. Of note, a Notice of Appeal was filed on August 24, 2009 in response to the Final Office Action mailed on February 23, 2009 from the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The RCE mentioned above is intended to be treated as a request to withdraw the appeal and to reopen prosecution of the application before the Examiner (see, 37 C.F.R. 1.114(d)).

The August 24, 2009 Notice of Appeal filing provided a period of 2 months in which to file a Request for Continued Examination, i.e., by October 24, 2009. A Petition for a three-month extension of time is being filed herewith. Accordingly, a Request for Continued Examination was due January 24, 2010. However, January 24, 2010 was a Sunday. Therefore, this Amendment is being timely filed on Monday, January 25, 2010.

**Amendments to the Claims** are shown in the "Listing of the Claims" which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 16 of this paper.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and remarks.